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Reverend Terry Troia
Port Richmond Improvement Association
1546 Castleton Avenue
Staten Island, NY 10302

Dear Reverend Troia,

Thank you for the invitation to attend the September meeting of the Port Richmond Improvement Association to discuss the results of sampling conducted in June 2009 as part of the investigation of the Jewett White Lead Site. EPA will not be attending this meeting because we are planning a public meeting on this subject in the near future.

As you know, EPA has provided the results of this sampling and recommendations for reducing exposure to lead in soil to residents and property owners who live and own properties within the one block area where samples were collected. We have also distributed a Community Update which summarizes these results and recommendations to residents, businesses, schools and community based organizations within a larger area surrounding the Site. EPA has spoken with many of the residents in this area and is available by phone to answer any questions that members of the community may have.

Our analysis of samples collected from the site is continuing in an effort to fingerprint the lead we have found in the community and determine if it came from the Jewett White Lead Site. A presentation of the sampling results and planned actions will be made as part of a public meeting which will be scheduled after the fingerprinting analysis is complete. We anticipate that this analysis will be complete by the end of this month. In the meantime, if residents have any questions about the sampling results or health concerns, please have them call the numbers listed in the attached Community Update.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Staiger
On-Scene Coordinator
EPA Region II

Attachment